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Higher prices for broilers, cattle, corn and cauliflower were partially offset by lower prices for hogs, peanuts, milk and apples. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cotton, milk, cattle and cottonseed were partially offset by lower marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes and lettuce.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 97 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (4.3%) from the October Index.

Compared with November 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (4.3%) higher. Price increases from November 1999 for cotton, cattle, corn and tomatoes were partially offset by lower prices for milk, apples, oranges and potatoes.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		Nov. 1999 <u>1/</u>	Oct. 2000 <u>1/</u>	Nov. 15, 2000	Nov. 1999 <u>1/</u>	Oct. 2000 <u>1/</u>	Nov. 15, 2000	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 1.99	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.78	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.72	28	\$ 9.83
Corn	Bu.	1.67	1.81	1.90	1.70	1.74	1.83	27	6.78
Oats	Bu.	1.26	1.50	1.40	1.12	1.12	1.05	31	3.44
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.50	3.01	3.25	2.57	3.01	3.28	31	10.70
Soybeans	Bu.	4.26	4.37	4.50	4.45	4.45	4.51	32	14.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	37.00	64.00	71.00	74.70	85.20	85.00	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	39.00	66.00	74.00	77.00	89.70	90.40	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	32.00	59.00	59.00	67.50	70.20	69.60	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	16.10	15.90	15.60	17.20	15.60	16.00	32	50.20
Hogs	Cwt.	34.90	42.50	38.00	33.40	41.40	35.90	35	104.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	35.00	42.70	38.20	33.80	41.80	36.30	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	28.20	33.40	29.00	24.10	33.70	28.00	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	69.30	67.20	70.00	66.20	66.70	69.50	44	157.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	70.50	68.10	70.90	70.90	70.50	74.30	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	32.50	39.00	40.50	33.60	36.20	36.90	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	91.20	107.00	108.00	93.00	102.00	106.00	52	202.00
Sheep	Cwt.	30.00	30.60	na	30.20	29.50	na	---	68.80
Lambs	Cwt.	72.40	64.00	na	76.30	76.80	na	---	166.00
All Milk	Cwt.	13.70	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	14.40	12.50	12.20	35	32.10
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	13.60	<u>2/</u>	---	14.50	12.60	12.20	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	16.20	<u>2/</u>	---	11.10	10.80	10.10	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay. 2/ Monthly and mid-month prices discontinued January 2000. *Parity price based on data for November 2000. na = not available.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for red meat and potatoes. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 2% above September 2000 and 12% above October 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 3% above both last month and last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were down 8% from last month and 6% below last year's level. Stocks on October 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		Oct. 1999	Sept. 2000
Total red meats .	870,310	112	102
Beef	394,063	122	102
Pork	451,086	103	103
Poultry	1,244,000	94	92
Turkey	478,020	97	91
Chicken	761,423	93	93

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
	Thousands		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	11,577	11,911	103
30 States	305,746	306,936	100
U.S.	325,272	327,145	101
Eggs Produced	Millions		Percent
NEBRASKA	250	260	104
30 States	6,694	6,655	99
U.S.	7,131	7,106	100
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, October			
Egg-type	39.0	35.2	90
Broiler	697.4	711.0	102
Hatched thru October			
Egg-type	385.0	362.2	94
Broiler	7,290.5	7,369.1	101
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (October)	22.3	23.7	106

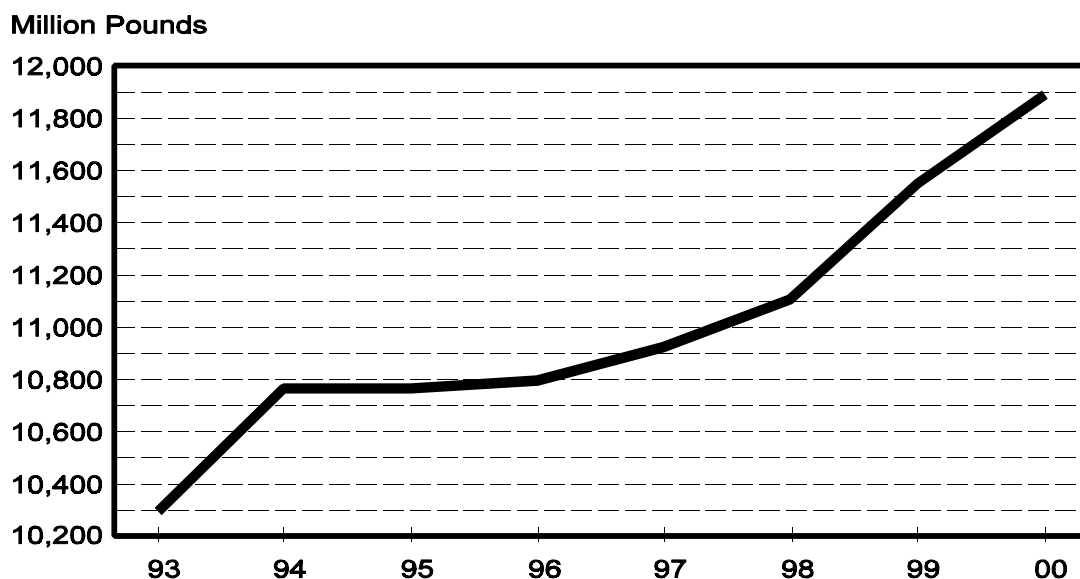
COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

October 2000 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Saturdays.			
Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		Oct. 1999	Sept. 2000
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head	669.9	104	104
Hogs, head	587.6	107	110
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	100	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	640.2	107	105
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head	3,141.5	102	104
Calves, head	97.1	93	104
Hogs, head	8,881.0	99	109
Sheep & Lambs, head	278.7	91	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,097.2	102	106

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

October Milk Production, 1993-2000 20 States



MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION: BY MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES, 1999-2000

Month	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	1,000		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January	7,694	7,765	1,518	1,578	11,679	12,256	105
February	7,696	7,766	1,404	1,505	10,804	11,691	108
March	7,713	7,774	1,585	1,631	12,228	12,679	104
April	7,720	7,787	1,554	1,592	11,998	12,399	103
May	7,733	7,795	1,610	1,635	12,447	12,743	102
June	7,740	7,810	1,516	1,547	11,737	12,083	103
July	7,751	7,834	1,498	1,561	11,610	12,232	105
August	7,755	7,840	1,487	1,526	11,534	11,966	104
September	7,753	7,849	1,445	1,465	11,200	11,500	103
October	7,746	7,851	1,491	1,514	11,549	11,888	103
November	7,756		1,459		10,315		
December	7,757		1,538		11,928		
Annual	7,735		18,103		140,029		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS & FARM WAGE RATES
SELECTED REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 10-16, 1999 & OCTOBER 8-14, 2000 1/**

Region <u>2/</u>	Hired Workers		WAGE RATES							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands		Dollars per hour							
Lake	72	71	8.64	9.05	8.42	8.40	7.71	8.35	8.18	8.39
Cornbelt I	65	56	8.27	8.39	7.65	8.07	7.17	7.86	7.57	8.03
Cornbelt II	26	31	8.17	7.90	7.85	7.41	7.86	8.19	7.85	7.72
Northern Plains	56	33	7.83	8.41	7.59	8.21	7.54	8.23	7.58	8.22
Southern Plains	52	61	7.24	7.59	6.48	6.71	7.29	7.30	6.74	6.95
Mountain I	30	34	7.36	7.80	7.06	7.39	7.40	8.10	7.17	7.64
Mountain II	25	24	7.23	7.82	6.79	7.29	7.00	7.71	6.90	7.44
United States	989	952	7.83	8.29	7.31	7.74	7.43	7.84	7.33	7.76

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, NEBRASKA, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

**HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES,
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1999 - 2000 1/ 2/**

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Dollars per hour					
Colorado	7.65	7.96	6.94	7.34	7.01	7.50
Illinois	8.25	8.56	7.95	8.13	7.73	8.16
Indiana	8.67	8.88	7.56	8.08	7.73	8.22
Iowa	8.67	8.51	8.37	7.85	8.34	8.14
Kansas	8.08	7.96	7.51	7.72	7.64	7.70
Michigan	8.21	8.77	7.44	7.87	7.37	7.93
Minnesota	8.53	8.91	8.67	8.67	8.26	8.38
Missouri	7.33	7.70	6.86	7.06	7.07	7.54
NEBRASKA	7.73	7.93	7.57	7.52	7.54	7.73
North Dakota	7.80	8.72	7.81	8.62	7.77	8.56
South Dakota	7.33	7.64	7.14	7.34	6.87	7.38
Wyoming	6.43	6.64	5.85	6.24	6.13	6.23
United States <u>3/</u>	7.77	8.10	7.19	7.50	7.22	7.54

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October. 3/ Excludes Alaska.

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.38 million cattle on feed on November 1. This inventory was up 6% from last year and 17% above November 1, 1998.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 370,000 head, up 12% from last year and 16% above two years ago.

Placements during October totaled 660,000 head, down 4% from last year but 10% above 1998. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head, compared with 10,000 head during both October 1999 and October 1998.

HISTORIC 7 STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 4%

Cattle and calves on feed November 1, 2000, in the historic 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head, up 4% from the previous year and 11% above November 1, 1998.

Marketings during October totaled 1.65 million, 5% above 1999 and 7% above 1998.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during October totaled 2.39 million head, 9% below 1999 and slightly below 1998. Other disappearance during October was 50,000 head, 21% below last year but 11% above 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	NOVEMBER 1 NUMBER ON FEED <u>1/</u>			OCTOBER PLACEMENTS			OCTOBER MARKETINGS			OCTOBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. <u>2/</u>		
	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona *	239	292	122	48	42	88	15	21	140	2	1	50
California *	395	440	111	67	66	113	47	49	104	5	7	140
Colorado *	1,220	1,250	102	360	290	81	205	205	100	5	5	100
Idaho	325	325	100	76	79	104	58	60	103	3	4	133
Iowa *	345	380	110	84	99	118	53	57	108	1	2	200
Kansas *	2,410	2,420	100	570	550	96	390	415	106	20	15	75
Nebraska *	2,250	2,380	106	690	660	96	330	370	112	10	10	100
New Mexico	107	109	102	31	27	87	14	13	93	1	1	100
Oklahoma . . .	435	410	94	133	88	66	75	74	99	3	4	133
So, Dakota . .	157	180	115	70	70	100	23	34	148	1	1	100
Texas *	2,930	3,030	103	810	670	83	530	530	100	20	10	50
Washington	257	243	95	56	59	105	37	39	105	8	5	63
Other Sts . . .	405	405	100	119	119	100	58	48	83	1	1	100
U.S.	11,475	11,864	103	3,114	2,829	91	1,835	1,915	104	80	66	83
7 States	9,789	10,192	104	2,629	2,377	90	1,570	1,647	105	63	50	79

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Historical 7 States.

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